

DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 24

**Amendments to the
WOAH *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals***

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The *Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals (Terrestrial Manual)*, like the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*, is an important contribution to the international harmonisation of sanitary standards related to terrestrial animals and animal products,
2. Members were asked for the comments of their specialists for each new or revised chapter of the *Terrestrial Manual* before it was finalised by the Biological Standards Commission,

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

1. To adopt the following texts for the *Terrestrial Manual*:

Glossary of terms

- 1.1.6. Principles and methods of validation of diagnostic assays for infectious diseases
- 1.1.10. Veterinary vaccines

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In lines 33–34, *Summary*, to delete the words “unless shelf-life can be extended by appropriate testing and subject to approval by the relevant regulatory authority” after the words “must be discarded and destroyed”

- 3.1.1. Anthrax

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In line 44, Section A *Introduction*, to add the words “and anus” after the word “nostril” and the words “(for example plugged with cotton wool or other suitable material soaked in an approved disinfectant)” after the words “should be closed”

- 3.1.5. Crimean–Congo haemorrhagic fever
- 3.1.18. Rabies (infection with rabies virus and other lyssaviruses)
- 3.1.19. Rift Valley fever (infection with Rift Valley fever virus)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In lines 20–21, *Summary*, to add the words “using correct personal protective equipment” after “biocontainment measures”, and delete the sentence “It is recommended that laboratory workers be vaccinated if possible.”

In lines 86–88, Section A *Introduction*, to add “work under strict biosafety and biocontainment environments where they use correct personal protective equipment to protect themselves against possible infection” after “Staff should” and delete “be vaccinated when a vaccine is available”.

- 3.1.22. Trichinellosis (infection with *Trichinella* spp.)

- 3.2.2. American foulbrood of honey bees (infection of honey bees with *Paenibacillus larvae*)
- 3.2.3. European foulbrood of honey bees (infection of honey bees with *Melissococcus plutonius*)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In line 10, *Summary*, to delete the sentence “Both disease signs and the presence of *M. plutonius* are required for diagnosis.” and reinstate the text “Most infected colonies display few visible signs.”

- 3.3.10. Fowlpox

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In Table 1. *Test methods available for diagnosis of fowl pox and their purpose*, to change the rating of the PCR from “+” to “–” for the purpose “Prevalence of infection – surveillance”

- 3.3.13. Marek’s disease

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In line 86, Section A *Introduction*, to replace the word “ovary” with “gonads”

In Table 1 *Features useful in differentiating Marek’s disease, lymphoid leukosis and reticuloendotheliosis*, to replace “Neural involvement” with “Peripheral nerves” in the description of microscopic lesions, and to replace “Diffuse” with “Focal/multifocal in layers or diffuse in broiler breeders” in the row describing splenic lesions in Marek’s disease.

- 3.4.12. Lumpy skin disease

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In lines 82–83, Section A *Introduction*, to delete the sentence “Some wildlife species are susceptible to LSD.”

- 3.7.2. Rabbit haemorrhagic disease

- 3.9.7. Influenza A virus of swine

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In line 399, Section B.1.6 *Reverse-transcription polymerase chain reaction*, to replace the word “discriminate” with “differentiate” twice in the sentence.

- 3.10.1. Bunyaviral diseases of animals (excluding Rift Valley fever and Crimean–Congo haemorrhagic fever)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In lines 536–537, Section B2.4.1.1 *Infection inhibition in microtitre plates*, to replace the word “plaques” with “lesions”.

- 2. To request the Director General to publish the adopted texts in the *Terrestrial Manual*.
